

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:21-cv-00107-MR-WCM**

**GERALD R. LASCHOB**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**AARON C. AMMONS and JOSHUA  
FREEMAN,**

**Defendants.**

**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the parties' "Joint Response to Court Order," which the Court construes as a Motion for a Judicial Settlement Conference [Doc. 26].

The parties were previously ordered to designate a mediator to preside over a mediated settlement conference and to file an appropriate Notice of Designation of Mediator. [Doc. 25]. The parties now request for the Court to appoint a magistrate judge to host a judicial settlement conference in lieu of a private mediation. [Doc. 26].

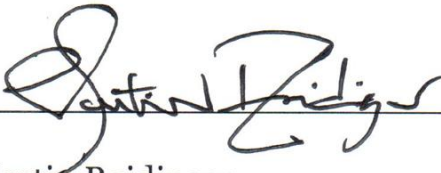
Upon consideration of the parties' motion, the Court finds that good cause has not been shown to justify the ordering of a judicial settlement

conference in this case. Accordingly, in the exercise of its discretion, the Court will deny the motion.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the parties' "Joint Response to Court Order," which the Court construes as a Motion for a Judicial Settlement Conference [Doc. 26], is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: June 6, 2022

  
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Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

